

### "There's a Good Time a-comin'."

The busy days of Christmas picking is here and the bothersome men come in for their share. If you wish to make the men folks happy Christmas day visit us, as we can show you the latest correct shades and shapes in everything that men wear. Here is a partial list:

Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Canes, Umbrellas, and the most select line of Ties ever shown in Roanoke.

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#### CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
May	94 1/2	94
Corn—		
May	29 1/2	30 1/2
Oats—		
May	23 1/2	23 1/2
Pork—		
May	8.72	8.70
Lard—		
May	4.52	4.55
Ribs—		
May	4.42	4.40

#### STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE.

Bonner's Restaurant, the leading restaurant of the city, needs no recommendation, as everything served is first-class in every respect. The oysters you see there are the finest ever brought to Roanoke. You can get them served in every conceivable manner. The lunch counter, run in connection with the restaurant, is certainly up-to-date. Visit this place and get something good to eat. You go once and you will go the second time.

OLD PAPERS for sale at The Times office. Good for putting under carpets.

Beautiful Baskets at low prices. Grattan's Fair, 9 Salem avenue.

### Coming and Going.

B. C. Moomaw, Jr., left on early train yesterday for Boon's Mills and other points to spend Christmas.

J. D. Fuller, of Lynchburg, is in the city.

Miss Salie E. Blankenship and her sister, Mrs. Susie Muse, of Lynchburg, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Muse, on Luck avenue s. w.

Shelby W. Peck, of the Norfolk and Western auditor's office, spent Christmas with the "old folks at home" in Botetourt, shooting (and eating) rabbits, wild turkeys, foxes and wild cats.

J. W. Dupuy spent Christmas in Petersburg.

R. L. Timberlake went to Washington for his holiday.

Harris Parkinson has gone to Richmond.

Chas. B. Felix, of Buchanan, was in the city yesterday.

H. R. Fairfax returned yesterday from a trip to Lynchburg.

R. A. Pollard is very ill at his residence on Ninth avenue s. w.

W. A. Bloxton left yesterday to spend a few days with friends in Appomattox.

Archer L. Payne arrived in the city yesterday from a trip to his home near Lynchburg.

J. D. Johnston left on No. 3 yesterday for Pearisburg on legal business.

R. E. Ribble left on a business trip to Norfolk on Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Easley, of Bluefield, W. Va., is visiting Mrs. J. A. Pack on Church avenue.

P. B. Taliaferro returned last night to Richmond after a pleasant visit to his uncle, C. C. Taliaferro.

Miss Mary Moomaw, of Cloverdale, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. William Boyd left yesterday to visit relatives in Lynchburg.

Fitz Payne, of Crewe, who has been in the city, returned last night.

#### ODD FELLOWS TO ENTERTAIN.

The entertainment to be given by Mountain Dale Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., on Thursday night promises to be largely attended, and the committee has made arrangements to receive all members of the lodges as well as any visitors who may attend. An interesting programme, which will be announced later, has been prepared. Refreshments will be served at the hall after which a smoker will be given. The members of the committee having charge of the entertainment are W. E. Thomas, Henry Neal and Lynch Gardner.

#### SECRETARY GAGE ON THE MOVE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Secretary Gage arrived this evening and will be the guest of Horace White. He will leave for Baltimore to-morrow. His next point will be Cleveland, where he will speak on currency reform before the American Historical Society, which opens there this week. Secretary Gage is expected in Cleveland Thursday.

THE BELLED TEAMS ARE STILL RUNNING. W. K. ANDREWS & CO., the OLDEST FIRM OF COAL AND WOOD DEALERS in the city, are AT THE OLD STAND, 219 1/2 Salem avenue, ready to serve you on short notice.

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#### A DESPERATE BATTLE.

Heavy Losses Sustained by Both Spanish and Cubans.

New York, Dec. 27.—The junta this afternoon received news of a bloody and desperate battle which was fought on Christmas eve. The loss is said to have been at least 500 on each side. The principal loss to the Cubans was the killing of General Ricardo Delgado, who was killed just before the close of the battle. The fight took place near Bahia Honda. The Cubans succeeded in landing a large expedition and with the hope of intercepting this the Spanish made their attack.

#### THE "KID" UNCONTROLLABLE.

Wants to Do Fitzsimmons, But "Lanky Bob" Says No.

New York, Dec. 27.—"Kid" McCoy this afternoon issued a challenge to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for the middle-weight championship of the world. He offers to put up \$10,000 immediately with a side bet of \$5,000, and agrees to take Corbett's place if Corbett fails to sign articles with Fitzsimmons. The latter has already declined to notice McCoy.

Not Harpered.  
"Would you be mean enough to give a bad piece of money to a blind man?"  
"Of course. He can pass it off with a better conscience than I can."—Chicago Record.

The wall of Severus, separating England from Scotland, was 36 miles long and protected by 21 forts. It was 20 feet high and 24 feet thick, and to the north was protected by a moat 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

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#### History in Novels.

Save in one or two of Cooper's novels, says Paul Leicester Ford in The Atlantic, it would be well nigh impossible to find a romance dealing with Revolutionary history which does not make the Whig of that war the patriot and the Tory the disloyal and usually evil acting man. Yet the student of history knows that the loyalists, if a minority, were largely composed of the gentry and educated classes of the country; were, in fact, the equivalent of what today are termed the "better element," and were superior in character to many of the men who opposed them. No American novelist has ventured to write of John Hancock and Jonathan Trumbull as men suspected of smuggling, or of Samuel Adams as a public man who sought, as other officials have done more recently, to vindicate himself from the charge of defalcation by an appeal to the ballots of the masses.

Would any American author, striving to write popular fiction, dare to picture one signer of the Declaration as selling the secrets of his country to the French ministry for a paltry pension, or another taking advantage of information of the need of the continental cause for wheat to corner the supply at once so far as he was able? In one case alone have our writers dared to draw an approximately faithful portrait of a man who came to the front in early Revolutionary days, to describe the bounty jumper, deserter, smuggler and drunkard, who nevertheless rose to high honor in the American cause, and the reason for this exception is explained when the name of the man is given as Benedict Arnold.

One large agency in London employs women for bailiffs, putting them in charge where the victim of distraint is a woman or an elderly person.

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**HANNA MUST BE DESPERATE.**

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—Secret service men have been dropping from Washington for several weeks. It is alleged that they have been sent by Hanna to watch Foraker and all others in the anti-Hanna movement in this section.

**PAYS FOR HIS CRIME.**

Glendora, Miss., Dec. 27.—Joe Hopkins, colored, who Christmas day shot and killed John W. Luckie and Samuel Eskridge, both prominent planters here, was captured by a mob to-day, hanged by his heels and burned to death.

# GREAT CLEARANCE SALES!

With grateful acknowledgements for the liberal patronage of '97, we pledge ourselves to your best interest for '98.

## ON MONDAY OUR BIG CLEARANCE SALES BEGAN.

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